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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
John R. Rhodes

Serial No.: 10/055,726

Filed: January 23, 2002

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PREVENTING NITROGEN  
INTERFERENCE IN PYRO-  
ELECTROCHEMICAL METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1743

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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) dated February 11, 2002 (the "Notice"), there are enclosed herewith:

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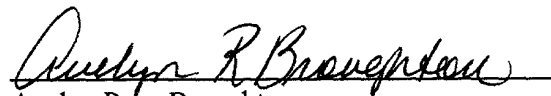
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